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Shall dragon satire exercise his sting, And not insinuating flattery sing? Is it more noble to torment than please?

How ill that thought with rectitude agrees! -Chatterton.

Everything except the Canadian Reciprocity treaty appears to be making splendid headway in the United States Senate.

Perhaps J. D. Tucker is too all-fired independent to be considered as available for the position of Commissioner of Public Lands.

Mexico's rebellion has undoubtedly reached the peace point, when the leaders take the risk of being arrested in Los Angeles instead of remaining at the front to face Mexican bullets.

Dr. Currie's report on the source of the cholera infection could not be improved upon by an officer of the United States government acting under Federal control of the health situation in Honolulu.

Since the Mexican trouble gave the army a little exercise, possibly the little affair in China will give the navy an opportunity to take a quiet jaunt to that side of the globe. Uncle Sam seems to be responsible for keeping the peace must everywhere.

When reclamation work starts, it has only to continue along ordinarily intelligent and modern lines to assure the absolute freedom of the city from an epidemic of plague or cholera, and also to eliminate the permanent pest, the mosquito.

There's one happy feature about a controversy between the religious journals of the city. The editors ought to be able to discuss the matter in hand with perfect freedom from prejudice and with an exacting regard of the teachings of the Golden Rule.

Is it the plan to wait until three months before the election and then start the great amount of public work that has to be done by the Territory and the Counties. The Sanitary Commission has set an example that should be heeded in every department. It is immediately at work.

Delegate Kuhio should be able to obtain a preferred list of statements for the annual visit to Hawaii. The coming Fall is an off-year in elections and the members have time to enjoy a few of the pleasant responsibilities of their office without fear of what may be going on at home.

After getting over the Legislature, the people ought to have time for getting together to help Honolulu grow; not only increase in numbers but grow to be a more attractive city to live in, and a city more certain of entertaining tourists without threatening them with the discomforts of quarantine just as their plans for the season are made.

Perhaps the Prohibitionists will see something gained for them in the destruction by fire of a large portion of the city of Bangor, Maine. There is probably no Prohibition city of its size that ever sold more liquor or sold it more openly; so a great quantity of contraband goods must have escaped illegal sale by going up in flames.

Gompers is taking a very serious responsibility on his hands if he is not absolutely assured of the innocence of the men arrested for the Los Angeles Times wholesale murder. Should the guilt of the men be proved, it will place the leader of the American Federation of Labor in the position of trying to prevent justice being done the worst criminals of their day.

What the City Supervisors should do is obtain a general statement of the roads that need attention, and

the money that is available to do the work. Then assemble the various taxpayers represented on the various petitions, and ask for their opinion as taxpayers on what the representatives of the people should do in their endeavor to serve the greatest number and promote the general welfare of the city as a whole.

Investigation by the Grand Jury is one outcome of the Hilo High school affair on which there is a general community agreement. Might few would ever be satisfied if the whole affair were not thoroughly sifted by a duly authorized inquisitorial body whose special purpose is to do that which the Commissioners of Public Instruction found themselves incapable.

Nonesuch is a proper title for the sugar marketing season of 1911. Everyone was fooled in the first place, and no sooner does the market get settled to a point where the prophets feel that they know what will happen for the next month or so, than the price of sugar proceeds to do exactly the reverse of the expected. Hawaii this year is sure of only one thing—getting better prices than were ever expected.

It may have been the gospel of efficiency or it may have been good luck that has given to the membership of the Sanitary Commission a personnel in which the community generally has confidence, and one that has not to be educated at the public expense before undertaking the great work given into its care. This is a condition that should prevail in every department of the government, if complete success is to be gained.

BISHOP RESTARICK AND THE FRIEND.

As the Bulletin understands it Bishop Restarick is the editor of the Hawaiian Church Chronicle and does not seek to shoulder off on some other person the responsibility for editorial utterances.

Consequently we feel in congratulating the Bishop on the leading editorial of the April number of his little church journal we are dealing with the right individual.

Bishop Restarick is entirely correct in his statement of the attitude of those who damn the Hawaiian because he did not do as they told him to do in one or more instances.

At the bottom of and all through the position taken by The Friend's editor is the canker of intolerance.

That's what's the matter.

Some people are so narrow that they believe a man is a splendid fellow just as long as he bows the truckling, fawning knee and does as he is told; and the moment he shows any independence of thought and action they turn on him and not only condemn him as a limb of the Evil One, but also raise their voice in protest against his retaining what measure of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness he may have hitherto enjoyed.

In other words they want to preempt the authority of the Lord and Master to whom every man is answerable for his thoughts, words and deeds, and then they get mad if their plans don't work.

Fortunately for the welfare of mankind and the growth of strong moral character that gives tone to civic activity, the disciples of intolerance are not popular and they cannot prevail for any length of time, although they may at times be able to deliver some nasty revengeful jabs, like for instance the declaration of a prominent church leader that the whole electorate is incompetent and ought to be disfranchised.

One of the popular expressions coming out of the last Legislature was the term applied to men who could be ring-nosed and led about like the docile water buffalo. We take it that this is the community's scornful response to leaders who are intolerant

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and the fact that the term struck a popular chord is evidence that the people generally have no sympathy with men who may on one day of the week preach the Golden Rule and then go out among their fellows and practice intolerance when dealing with the practical affairs of public life.

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ALL DRUGGISTS

tion, which satisfied sensible men. It is known to the writer that the old people of missionary stock are, many of them, entirely out of sympathy with this constant tirade against the Hawaiians. They have thanked the editor of this paper for the position he has taken. The "straw man" against which this paper is said to have "tilted" was an article in The Friend. If that was a straw man, well and good. A double column of Dr. Scudder's article in the Independent on one side and the recent articles in The Friend on the other side would really be quite amusing. One would contain profuse praise for Hawaiians, and the other constant accusations as to their unfitness in every capacity. It may be "fun," as The Friend states, for its editor to read what they call the "pious admonitions" of this paper. If this is so we are sorry that the editors think it fun to abuse a people who, according to Dr. Scudder, were making good in a remarkable way until they were independent in a direction which The Friend opposed. If a person plays politics he should not get angry if he is beaten.

DR. CURRIE WARNS CITY

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often becoming infected. It is, however, conceivable that such might occur from time to time as a rare event, for it is to cause even one or two cases a day for several days is, to our mind, improbable. Experiences in Manila, extending over several years, are against such modes of infection, even if the fish are taken from water known to be infected with cholera.

"On the other hand, taro is an aquatic plant, growing in pools of slow water, which water system—in the neighborhood of Honolulu, at least—often serves the double purpose of irrigating the taro and as a sewer for the taro grower. When gathered, this plant is taken to the poi factory, where it is handled by the Chinese poi manufacturers. It is then cooked and all infection on the taro thus destroyed. After cooking it, it is again handled by the same hands that were soiled with the uncooked vegetable. The probability of these poi makers first soiling their hands with the raw vegetable and later soiling the cooked vegetable with their unsoiled hands, is evident to anyone that has witnessed the complete absence of the most rudimentary ideas of cleanliness that exists among the workers in these poi shops.

"From these considerations it appeared to us that, while our investigations should take into consideration in each case all the foodstuffs eaten during the five days preceding the development of the diseases, the most easily infectible material and therefore the most probable vehicle of such infection, commonly eaten by the Hawaiians, is poi. For sake of completeness, we also attempted to investigate at the same time the sources of fish and seaweed of these patients, but we found it impractical to locate the ultimate source of these articles, and, furthermore, all our circumstantial evidence early pointed to poi as showing a connection between cases, heretofore considered to have no relation one to another.

"In order to carry out this line of research, we visited, as far as was possible, the family of each of the known cases of cholera, that occurred from February 24 to the cessation of these investigations. From these persons we attempted to ascertain where the patient had eaten for the five days preceding his illness, what he had eaten, and where such food had been purchased. In the cases of poi, we further ascertained from each shop that had furnished this food, the place or places from which the poi manufacturers had obtained their supply of taro, and especially what had been their source of supply at the time the suspicious poi was manufactured. We also collected 169 samples of water and taro from places said to have furnished the taro to the shops that appeared to have supplied the infected foodstuff. We did this for the sake of completeness and in hopes that we might be fortunate enough to isolate the organism from one of the samples, but, at the same time, we knew, when collecting these samples, that the mathematical probabilities of our being able to isolate the organism from a source of this kind were all against us; for the same reason that it is difficult to find the proverbial needle in the haystack.

"We also searched the death records of Honolulu from December 1, 1910, to April 1, 1911, and noted the following: Persons dying after a short illness; persons dying of intestinal troubles or with severe abdominal symptoms; persons dying in districts in which cases of cholera were afterwards known to

have appeared; cases unattended by physicians during their last illness; persons dying in districts stated to have furnished taro to suspicious poi shops; cases supposed to have died of poisoning.

"We formed a list of the cases of the above character and ruled out one case after another (after inquiry into the circumstances surrounding their deaths), until our list was reduced to a small number, which we considered suspicious enough to make the fullest possible investigations of the circumstances attending their deaths. In doing this we thought we might learn of an earlier case than that of February 24 and thus possibly trace the way in which the infection first gained entrance here.

"We also compared the number of deaths during the months of December, 1910, and the months of January, February and March, 1911, with the corresponding months of all previous years since 1895, to see when a rise in the mortality began and thus possibly form some idea as to when the first case of cholera began to occur.

"We procured a list of immigrants entering this port from the Orient during the first half of the month of February, 1911, and compared the names with the names of persons dying that month, hoping thereby to secure some clue as to the first case.

"In this work, however, it must be borne in mind that, while it is most probable (for reasons we need not set forth here) that cholera was introduced by some person, and not a foodstuff, from the Orient, such a person may not even have sickened or died of the disease."

Following are Dr. Currie's recommendations:

"The following is a summary of my recommendations, most of which I have previously made verbally to the president of the Board of Health:

"First—That no unsterilized taro be allowed to come out of Manoa Valley, nor from lower down that stream, in the district known as Mollili.

"Second—That regulations be made to insure that the workmen in the poi shops shall not contaminate cooked taro (or poi) with hands still soiled with uncooked taro. There are but two ways that this can be accomplished—one is to have an inspector at each shop, and the other is to force all shops, not having such an inspector, to use only taro that has been sterilized (cooked) at some central station under the supervision of some such inspector.

"Third—That the use of human feces for fertilization be prohibited by an ordinance, with a severe penalty for its breach.

"Fourth—That poi be delivered in containers that can not be used again. The present custom is to leave a small keg of poi at the customer's house until the poi has been consumed, when it is taken back to the poi shop, refilled, and taken to another person's house. This method, we believe, is apt to convey communicable diseases from one family to another.

"In addition to the above special recommendations, it is, of course, to be expected that your board will continue to enforce such regulations that tend to lessen the chances of an outbreak from sources secondary to the original source, such as guarding the water-works, and preventing fishing, bathing in proximity to discharging sewers, privies, etc., or in small streams flowing through the city. These precautions are too customary to justify discussion, but I would invite attention to the fact that after an outbreak of this character there are very apt to be cholera carriers in the city, which may be a source of danger for many weeks, and in view of this, and in view of the great mortality that would be almost sure to follow the infection of the Nuuanu water supply, I would recommend that the guarding of this watershed be continued for at least sixty days from the last known case of cholera."

WOULD ESCAPE; ARM BROKEN

In jumping from a second story window to a hard pavement below an excited Japanese who would dodge the clutches of the law as exemplified by the strong right arm of Chief McDuffie, and other officers, suffered a broken arm, though he did finally manage to make himself scarce before the detectives reached the lower levels again.

Nine Japanese and Hawaiians were discovered in the upper floor of a tenement building in Mollili yesterday indulging in what they believed a quiet little game of seven-cone-eleven.

The accused were arraigned before Judge Lymer at Police Court this morning. Several were identified by the officers as old offenders. Muri-kami, one of the arrested, had escaped the police some few weeks ago. Before he was allowed to depart, he had enriched the city coffers to the amount of fifteen dollars. Others paid fines ranging from twelve down to five dollars and the trimmings.

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